



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 85

LCO No. 504

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS AT
CERTAIN STATE PARKS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 23-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 [The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
4 phase out the leases of camping sites at shore parks which the State
5 Park and Forest Commission determined were, in the 1970 season,
6 leased for more than three weeks in the aggregate to the same family
7 by reducing their number equally each year, for the next five years.]
8 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may lease
9 camping sites at shore parks to the same family for up to three weeks
10 in the aggregate during the period commencing on the Saturday before
11 Memorial Day and ending on Labor Day. Nothing in this section shall
12 limit the commissioner's authority to (1) lease camping sites prior to or
13 after such period to a family without regard to such family's aggregate
14 length of stay, or (2) lease any vacant camping sites on a first come,
15 first served basis. The commissioner may adopt regulations in
16 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish limits on the

17 length of camping site leases. The limitation in this section shall be
18 effective until June 30, 2013, or until such regulations are adopted,
19 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	23-16a
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Statement of Purpose:

To amend an existing twenty-one-day aggregate limit on camping stays to apply only to the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day and to authorize the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt regulations on this issue.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]